

April 29, 2018

The Flowers on the altar today are to the glory of God

(Please note: **Flowers for the altar will now cost \$ 12 per week because we have had to get our flowers from another florist.**)

"Stewardship Moment" John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does not bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing . . .and it always comes with some pruning.

Attention THRIVENT members... YOU have 2 OPPORTUNITIES to request \$250 each year equaling a total of \$500 to help not for profit organizations. We need 2 Thrivent members to submit projects at St. Peters. One is for a set of ARCH children’s Bible story books for the church library & summer reading challenge. The other request is for things needed to do the monthly summer fun gatherings for children & their adult reading buddies. The descriptions for these requests are already written and we have someone to walk you through the simple computer form. Please contact Nancy Carroll or Sue Schoech for more details. Thanks for making a difference in the faith lives of kids & their families!

Young Adult Group – Too old to be in youth group? Don’t feel OLD yet? Then this group’s for you! We will aim to meet once a month doing everything from fellowship to outreach. Our first event will be a bonfire or a game night on the 13th of April , depending on weather. If you have any questions please talk to Phil or email him at phil.luster-bartz@valpo.edu

Coming soon...CRAZY BUNCO is back! SATURDAY, MAY 5th at 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served and there will be door prizes, raffle baskets, a bake sale, and more! Don't wait! Tickets are limited and may be purchased for \$10.00. Questions? Contact Nancy Carroll at 762-4220.

Ladies: Of all the special joys in life, The big ones and the small;” ... Join us at our next Gab ’n Eat for a Mother’s Day lunch: **12PM on Saturday May 19th at Bulldog on the Lake** [5987 Dune Harbor Drive, Portage](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5987+Dune+Harbor+Drive,+Portage,+IN+46381/@38.658,-85.558,15z)“A mother’s love and tenderness is the greatest of them all”! Sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center! Carpool 11:30A.M from church! **“HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY to all”!**

RUMMAGE / BAKE SALE coming Aug. 2nd, 3rd, 4th! We are now accepting donations (larger items after April 1st). Please put neatly in room before the nursery. **(CUT OFF DATE JULY 14TH)** A garden center too (perennial plants) bring in July 22nd to July 28th). Donations of pop & bottled water are welcome for our concession stand – please label rummage sale. **For more information call Joleen: 762-2220 or Candy: 762-0268/ 331-4745**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TOO

You Never Know when your donation to the church's food pantry will be a blessing to someone. Your food and personal items are given to congregation members who are in need. We are now asking for additional donations to re-stock items.

The Comfort Dogs were recently in Parkland FL offering comfort to that community. Although the Comfort Dogs now have a home at Trinity in Hobart if you have an event or a need for the dogs; please contact Nancy Carroll at 762-4220.

Mother's Day is coming! Sunday May 13th to be exact! We'd like to make it fun in honor of our moms. So grab something they may have worn or may wear now: gloves, a dress, or perhaps just a hat. Whatever you may choose it's totally up to you the main thing is to just have fun and be glad you had or have a mom. This is for all ladies including big and little girls

Last Sunday's Offering

Envelopes are available at the bulletin table for donations to the Parking Lot Fund & for the Mortgage

Offering \$3407.53 (weekly need \$3028.00 operating budget)

Mortgage \$310 (weekly need \$591.00)

SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Kaitlyn & Nathan

Roscoe KaitlynRoscoe

Lectors: Allie Thaxton and Nathan Roscoe

Emily Valpatic

Ushers: Marty Riley, Roman Guerrero

Bob Duron, Emily Valpatic,

Kaitlyn Roscoe

Dylan Santaquilani, Jodie Brasseur

This Week at St. Peter : April 29th, 2018

Sunday Early Service 9 a.m. Nursery provided ages 0-2 yrs

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.

Late Service 11 a.m.

Wednesday... Bible Study 10 AM, Praise Team 7:30 PM

Saturday May 5th, **Crazy Bunco** 1:00 p.m.

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Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10 a.m.

Late Service 11 a.m.

Visit the church's Facebook page for up to date information including

CANCELLATIONS - www.stpeterportage.com

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REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS

John Gallagher, Wanda Gilbert, Kristina Thaxton; Carrie Chapman; Ruth Imhof, Donna Flint-Wood and her mother, Ginnie Galanos, Connie Carney; Howard, Deb and Ari Wilson; Joleen Wilson, Mike Lemond, Karen Ackermann, John Spencer, Brenda and Bob Busch, Kenita Kersten, Pat and John Newlin, Tiffany Richards, Betty and Dick Hull, Donna Potchen, Michael Cooper, Loraine Giertz, Dorothy Anderson, Cathy Laatsch, Lindsay Hietz, Kathy and Tom Levandoski, Jane Krohn, Pauline and Mark Krill, Steve White and the many people in our congregation who are battling serious illnesses; and those grieving the loss of loved ones.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Logan Carrol	4/3
Brad Hughes	4/3
Dorothy Anderson	4/5
Stacy Carroll	4/5
Nancy Carroll	4/7
Margie Fites	4/11
Kendall Hitchcock	4/12
Greg Young	4/16
Kelly Roscoe	4/17
Terry Shaw	4/17
Heather Minard	4/20
Martin Riley	4/23
Jolee Kuehl	4/29
Hayden Schmillen	4/29
Kitty O'Donnell	4/30

If your birthday was accidentally missed please contact the Office so a correction can be made.